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Peak Body, Domestic Violence NSW, Cautiously Welcomes Parliamentary Inquiry into Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence

Severe public criticism of the recent Senate inquiry into domestic violence clearly demonstrates the need for the proposed Parliamentary Inquiry into Family and Domestic Violence.

“We understand that this is a very important commitment and support the government in taking this action. DVNSW would like to see a robust accountability framework embedded throughout the course of this inquiry, to ensure we see the outcomes we so desperately need to improve the safety of our communities’ says Delia Donovan, Interim CEO, Domestic Violence NSW (DVNSW).

Deaths, injuries and abuse from Family and Domestic Violence continue at horrific and unacceptable levels in Australia. DVNSW believes the new inquiry must build on previous inquiry recommendations and ensure the voices of victim-survivors and children, regional services and women who experience multiple forms of discrimination and disadvantage are at the forefront of the process.

“We support the draft TOR, especially the important inclusion of the experiences of all women including; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, rural women, culturally and linguistically diverse women, LGBTQI women, women with a disability, and women on temporary visas. Equally we endorse the broader definitions of violence against women such as coercive control, financial and technology-facilitated abuse. All issues on which we have been continuously advocated to local and federal governments.

“The evidence base of the drivers of gendered violence remains essential and this is an opportunity to use and build on this knowledge to make meaningful and lasting change.” says Donovan.

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About:

Domestic Violence NSW is the peak body for specialist domestic and family violence services in NSW. DVNSW provides a representative and advocacy function for specialist services and the women, families and communities they support. Their mission is to eliminate domestic and family violence through leadership in policy, advocacy, partnerships and the promotion of best practice.